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CROP PROSPECTS.

WHEAT.

The condition of wheat in Norway on October 1 was 82 per cent of the ten-year average as compared with 39 on September 30, 1922, according to a cable gram from the United States Commissioner of Agriculture. The condition on October 1 shows a slight deterioration since September 1 when the condition was reported to be 36 per cent of the ten-year average. The average production of wheat during the ten years 1913-1922 was 639,776 bushels.

Fall wheat in Ontario, Canada, was promising, as reported by the Ministry of Agriculture on September 24. A fair acreage was expected to be sown.

PYE.

Production of rye in Germany is now forecasted at 232,464,000 bushels compared with 206,049,000 in 1922 and 267,648,000 bushels in 1921, as cabled by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, September 25.

The condition of rye in Norway on October 1 was 97 per cent of the ten-year average as against 102 per cent reported on the same date last year. The average production of rye for the ten years 1913-22 was 981,768 bushels.

NORWAY CROP CONDITIONS.

The condition of barley, oats and potatoes in Norway on October 1 was considerably below the condition reported on the same date last year. The condition of barley was 79 per cent of the ten-year average as compared with 100 per cent last year. The average production during the ten years 1913-1922 was 4,114,006 bushels. The condition of cats was reported as 68 per cent against 53 last year. The average production during the ten years preceding amounted to 13,760,494 bushels. The condition of potatoes was 87 per cent as compared with 100 per cent last year. Production during the last ten years was 31,045,124 bushels.

CROP PROSPECTS, -CONT'D.

COTTON.

Egyptian cotton crop conditions continue to be fairly favorable to the cotton crop in Egypt, according to a report from the Alexandria Commercial Co. dated September 7, 1923. In Lower Egypt a delay in the maturity of about ten to fifteen days is apparent in many districts, but it is not expected to have any serious consequences. Complaints of pink boll worm are not very serious.

WOOL.

A shortage in Australia's wool clip for the year is predicted by the Sydney Stock and Station Journal for August 10, 1923. Numbers of sheep have decreased and in Queensland and New South Wales the average cut is said to be one to two pounds lighter per head than last year. The prediction is that the decrease in the clip will be between 250,000 to 300,000 bales.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

Imports of cheese into the United Kingdom are derived largely from her colonial possessions, New Zealand, Canada and Australia. These countries during the year 1922-23 furnished 136,328 short tons or 86 per cent of the total supply. The largest foreign contributers are Holland and Italy which supplied 13,319 short tons or 9 per cent of the total imports.

The principal sources of butter imported into the United Kingdom are Denmark, New Zealand, Australia and Argentina. These countries furnished 83 per cent of the total imports during 1922-23.

New Zealand cheese production decreased while outter increased during the period 1920-21 to 1922-23. Production of butter in 1922-23 was 131,000,-000 pounds as compared with 75,000,000 pounds in 1920-21. Cheese production in 1922-23 was 111,000,000 pounds against 138,000,000 pounds in 1920-21.

Cheese production in Netherlands is above pre-war, the total production in 1922 amounting to 215,216,000 pounds as compared with 211,002,000 pounds in 1912.

Butter production in the Netherlands has increased steadily during the last three years amounting to 142,490,000 pounds. This however, is below the pre-war estimate of 148,165,000 in 1912.

Canadian dairy statistics for 1900-1922, show a tendency to decrease the production of cheese and to increase the manufacture of butter. During 1922 the production of cheese was 136,579.000 pounds as compared with 220,833,-000 pounds in 1900. Butter production in 1922 amounted to 147,753,000 pounds against 36,067,000 in 1900.

CROP PROSPECTS, -CONT'D.

DAIRY PRODUCTS, -CONT'D.

The production of canned milk in Europe during 1922 was 116,182 short tons as compared with 124,014 short tons in 1921 and 89,639 short tons in 1920. Netherlands is the largest producer, having an output of 72,200 short tons in 1922.

TRADE, PRODUCTION AND PRICE NOTES.

The Union of South Africa stocks of eggs, cheese and bacon and ham in factories were lower on June 30, 1923 than on the corresponding date in 1922. Stocks of butter on June 30, 1923 were larger than in the year preceding.

The wool textile index number of "The Weekly Wool Chart, Bradford, England," calculated on the basis of the price July 1914 is 157 for August, 1923, as compared with 143 for August, 1922. Wool values and tops are higher than on the corresponding date a year ago while wool yarns show a slight decline.

Plowing by contract in Germany for both Government and private interests has met with great success, according to a report by Consul E. Verne Richardson of August 13, 1923. A company known as the Aktiengesellschaft fur Moorkultur (Cultivation of moorland) amalgamated its interests in 1918 with a similar organization the Moorkultur Kraftpflug, for the purpose of assisting those landholders who because of losses incurred in the war, were without implements and horses with which to conduct farming operations. At a meeting held July 18, the shareholders voted an increase in capital for the purpose of manufacturing new plows to supplement the ones already in use.

South African wool brokers and buyers have formed a central Wool Exchange in Durban in which sales will be conducted in a manner similar to that in London, reports Consul M. B. Davis at Port Elizabeth under date of August 31. The exchange is expected to be in operation before the latter part of next year. The new wool season, which began on September 1, is opening slowly. Supplies are small with prices at about the same rates as supplied in April, the close of last season. The new clip will arrive towards the end of September.

That Czecho-Slovakia is becoming an important market for Danish agricultural exports is evidenced by statistics recently submitted by the Consul General Letcher at Copenhagen. During the first seven months of 1923, Denmark exported to that country 49,000 head of live hogs out of a total export of 64,042; 17,200 head of cattle out of a total of 75,400 and 3,968,300 pounds of butter.

Exports of Almoria grapes from Malaga Spain this year are expected to be somewhat less than shipments made last year when 1,536,000 barrels of fifty pounds each were exported, reports Consul Julian F. Harrington from Malaga. Of this quantity 500,000 barrels were shipped to the United States. The 1923 crop has been estimated at from 1,000,000 to 1,200,000 barrels.

PRODUCTION OF WHEAT, RYE, BAPLEY, AND OATS ALL COUNTRIES REPORTING 1922 AND 1923.

	: :/ Product	etion.	Per cent	of 1922.
	1922.	1923.	Decrease	Increase
WHEAT	: 1,000 : Bushels :	1,000 Bushels	Per cent	Per cent
Estimates previously received and unrevised, 29 countries reporting	: : 2,522,413:	2,699,2 ⁴⁶		7.0
Estimates recently received: Germany Italy	: 71,933 : 101,011:	103,616: 220,000:		: 44.0 36.1
Total 31 countries reporting	: : 2,755,987:	3,022,862		9.7
RYE	:			
Estimates previously received and unrevised, 21 countries reporting	: : 596,540: :	642,642		7.7
Estimates recently received: Germany	206,049	282, 464:		37.1
Total 22 countries report- ing	: :	925,106:		15.3
BARLEY	·			
Estimates previously received and unrevised, 21 countries reporting	932,118:	1,078,026:		15.7
Estimates recently received: None		:		
OATS	:	•		
Estimates previously received and unrevised, 26 countries reporting	3,068,072:	5,432,020:	:	13.5
Estimates recently received: None			: :	
Source: Official sources and Intern	national Ins	titute.		

EXPORTS OF GRAINS AND WHEAT FLOUR FROM THE UNITED STATES, WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR FROM CANADA, AND SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR THROUGH THE UNITED STATES IN TRANSIT, JULY TO SEPTEMBER, 1922 AND 1923 AND SEPTEMBER 9 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 1923.

	: ;	Ju	July - September			3
Commodity:	: :Unit:		1923	: Sept.15,	Week ending: Sept 22, Preliminary:	Sept.29
Exports:	: : :	1,000:	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Barley	Bu.	8,275:	5,025	334	350 :	524
Corn	TI .	36,022:	•		158:	190
Oats	: "	10,323:	357	23.	47	49
Rye	n	18,523	7,502	177	1,214	45
Wheat		74,669	27,571	3,297	2,833	2,727
Wheat flour	Eols:	3, 591:	3,508	282	215	292
In transit ship- ments from Canada:						
Wheat	: Bu.:	9,975	13,126	247	#근	12
Wheat flour	:Bols:	440:	560		2	3
Exports from Vanada	: :	July an	d August			1
Wheat	Bu.:	<i>5</i> 0, 307:	24,084			
Wheat flour	bbls:	1,775:	1,432			

SOURCE: U. S. Department of Commerce and Monthly Reports of the Trade of Canada.

AREA AND PRODUCTION OF WHEAT IN FRANCE FOR THE YEARS 1815 TO 1923.

Year.	Area,	Production.
	1,000 Acres.	1,000 Bushels.
1815	11.346	: 111,978
1816:	11,051	: 122,920
1817:	11,545	: 136,164
1818	13,895	: 149,541
1819	11,490	: 164,907
1820	11,574 11,745	: 125,846 : 165,209
1822	11,855	: 144,316
1823	11,996	166,507
1824	12,069	175,339
1825	11,995	173,200
1826:	12,096	: 169,217
1827	12,115	: 161,141
1828:	12,227	: 166,923
1829: 1830:	12,416 12,384	: 182,423 : 149,780
1831	12,630	160,131
1832	12,750	227,269
1833	12,955	187,496
1834	13,103	175,884
1835	13,190	203,456
1836:		180,432
1837:	13,363	: 192,724
1838:	13,494	: 192,236
1839:	13,305	184,268
1840	13,669 13,745	229,514
1841	13,779	202,792
1843	13,996	208,998
1844	14,034	233,982
1845	14,191	204,210
1846	14,670	172,240
1847	14,775	276,991
1848	14,760	249,702
1849	14,742 14,706	250,117 242,470
1851	14,700	236,957
1852	15,049	237,175
1853	15,346	175,566
1854:	15,835	267,843
<u> </u>		

AREA AND PRODUCTION OF WHEAT IN FRANCE FOR THE YEARS 1815 TO 1923,CONT'D.

Year.	Area.	Production.
	l,000 Acres.	1,000 Bushels.
1855 1856 1857 1858 1859 1860 1861 1862 1863	15,862 15,983 16,293 16,407 16,579 16,584 16,690 17,004 17,006	200,995 235,090 304,308 303,104 241,255 279,912 207,075 273,625 321,822 306,643
1865 1866 1867 1868 1869 a 1870 1871 1872 1873 1874	17,062 17,088 17,199 17,452 17,331 17,108 15,871 17,144 16,867 16,986	263,372 234,601 228,743 321,825 297,460 272,796 190,908 332,904 225,676 365,036
1875 1876 1877 1878 1879 1880 1881 1832 1833 1884	17,166 16,950 17,240 16,909 17,153 17,000 17,174 17,069 16,812 17,426	277,325 263,009 275,976 262,542 219,996 277,430 278,060 343,487 291,234 324,201
1885 1836 1887 1888 1889 1890 1891 1892 1893 1894	17,190 17,189 17,217 17,243 17,393 17,450 14,220 17,264 17,478	312,984 302,609 320,015 275,464 305,817 329,713 214,981 310,728 277,751 344,180

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AREA AND PRODUCTION OF WHEAT IN FRANCE FOR THE YEARS 1815 TO 1923,-

Year.	Area,	Production.
	1,000 Acres.	1,000 Bushels.
1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904	17,301 16,977 16,269 17,207 17,149 16,961 16,787 16,219 16,009 16,133	339,595 340,268 24:2,227 364,906 365,449 325,542 310,913 327,898 362,968 299,639
1905 1906 1907 1908 1909 1910 1911 1912 1913 1914 <u>b</u>	16,085 16,103 16,253 16,221 16,299 16,196 15,897 16,233 16,166 14,975	334,838 328,697 381,223 316,684 359,174 252,963 322,339 334,333 319,370 282,689
1915 <u>b</u> 1916 <u>b</u> 1917 <u>b</u> 1918 <u>c</u> 1919 <u>c</u> 1920 <u>c</u> 1922 <u>c</u> 1923 <u>c</u>	13,564 12,429 10,357 11,179 11,633 12,586 13,300 13,072 13,656	222,776 204,908 134,575 228,688 187,091 236,929 323,467 243,315 290,456

a. Alsace Lorraine included up to 1869.

b. Excluding invaded area.

c. Alsace Lorraine included.

d. Preliminary.

DEVELOPMENT OF COTTON MANUFACTURING II. THE UNITED STATES.

Recent purchase of Southern mills by New England interests and more especially the actual transfer of complete mill equipment from the North to the South have emphasized the acceleration of a movement which has been under way since at least the beginning of the century. The tendency for cotton manufacturing to make larger gains in the cotton-growing states than elsewhere in the United States is partially due to greater accessibility to the raw material, but more important than this has been lower taxation and cheaper labor costs. Not only are the wage scales lower in the South, due partially to lower costs of living and partially to less industrial competition for labor, but the working hours are longer,

Though cotton is manufactured in many different parts of the country the industry is largely centered in two sections. The Southern mills are located mainly in North and South Carolina and in Georgia while the Northern mills are chiefly in New England, or, more specifically, in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Connecticut, though a considerable part of the industry is in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

Southern mills have for a long time consumed more cotton than the Northern mills. In the past the excess was accounted for by the fact that mills in the cotton belt spun coarser yarn than the other mills. More recently, especially since the beginning of 1921, the difference between the consumption of Southern and other mills has increased, and the South has definitely assumed the lead in relative activity as well as in consumption of raw material. On March 31, 1923, the cotton growing states had only 78 per cent, as many spindles as there were elsewhere in the United States, but as during that month they had kept a larger proportion in activity, and because they had worked each active spindle two-fifths longer than in the North, the total active spindle hours in the South were one-sixth greater.

Yarn production in the United States increased from 1,467 million pounds in 1899 to 2,747 million in 1919, the most recent date for which census returns are available. The mills in the cotton-growing states contributed seven-eights of this gair, having an output of 1,351 million pounds in 1919, as compared with 996 million in the Northern mills. Of the total production in 1919, 1,123 million pounds were classified as coarse, that is, No. 20 and under; 1,063 million as medium, Nos. 21 to 40; and 161 million as fine. or No. 41 and over. As compared with 1899 the Southern mills showed a substantial increase in the output of coarse yarn, and a decidedly larger gain in production of medium yarn. In the fine yarns the gain was from 1 to 43 million, though the Morthern mills still produced the bulk of this output, 118 million. The Northern mills produced less coarse but more medium and fine warns in 1919 than 20 years earlier.

Source: The Staple Cotton Review, August 1, 1923.

BRITISH SUPPLY OF IMPORTED BUTTER AND CHEESE IN 1923.

According to the Twenty-Ninth Annual Review of the Imported Dairy Produce Trade for the year ending June 30, 1923 issued by W. Weddel and Go. Ltd. of London, the supplies of butter received from overseas during the twelve months ending June 30, 1923 exceeded all previous records while imports of cheese have only once before been heavier. Allowing for the increase in population the public is now eating as much imported butter as they did before the var despite the continued popularity of margarine.

The relative positions of the producing countries have changed in the past ten years. The most notable change is that of New Zealand, which has developed into the greatest dairy produce exporter of the world. Australia remains an important but unreliable source of supply, Canada appears to be turning over from cheese to butter production but the total exports from the Dominion to this country have been heavily reduced in the past decade. South Africa promises to be a good dairying country but only a negligible quantity was received from the Union of South Africa last year.

Denmark has made rapid strides in recent years, but is still short of the 1914 total. Argentine exports have increased tenford in ten years. France and Sweden have almost dropped out of the running.

Cheese supplies still come principally from New Zealard and Canada.

SOURCES OF SUPPLY OF CHEESE IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE TEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1914 AND 1921-23.

Country of Origin	: Year ending June 30 -					
	. 1914	1921	1922	1923		
<u>British</u>	Short Tons	:Short Tons	: Short Tons :	Short Tons		
Australia Canada New Zealand South Africa	63,05 <u>1</u> 37,919	3,647 61,750 76,733		51,327 81,900		
Total British:	107.168	: 142,379	: 144,114 :	136,323		
<u>Foreign</u>	** ** *** *** *** *** *** *** *** ***	•	: :			
Holland Italy Syltserland United States Other Countries Total Foreign	718 1,309 1,139 25,991	: 59 : 158 : 2,228 : 1,396 : 8,893	: 1,504 : 1,743 : 11.045 :	1.9,131		
Grand Total:		;	: 155,159 : :			
Source: Annual Report of Weld	el and Co. I	td. for year	ending June 30	, 1923.		

SOURCES OF SUPPLY OF BUTTER IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1914 AND 1921-23.

Country of Origin	Year ending June 30 - ·				
	1914	1921	1922	: 1923	
British	Short Tons	Short Tons	: Short Tons	Short Tons	
Australia Canada Mew Zealand South Africa Total British	46 18,602	40,560 1,114 31,455 663 73,792	57,891 1,843 48,366 1,533 109,633	36,792 8,555 71,253 254 116,854	
Foreign					
Argentina Denmark France Holland Norway Sweden Ruscia Finland Other Countries Total Foreign	12,687 8,481 871 20,155 45,983 745 a 191,193	21,754 53,289 297 6,087 561 1,253 83,246	18,839 75,390 43 1,897 85 174 5,188 185	24,815 91,820 2,373 5,884 8 2,376 8,146 4,273 139,694	
Grand Total:	239,046:	157,038	211,434	256,548	

a. This is not a correct total for the items listed above but it is as given in the original.

Source: Maddel and Co., Ltd. Annual Report for year ending June 30, 1923.

NEW ZEALAND BUTTER AND CHEESE RECEIVED IN GRADING STATIONS DURING THE YEARS ENDING MARCH 31, 1918 TO 1923.

Year Ending March 31 :	Butter	: :	Cheese
1917-18 1918-19 1919-20 1920-21 1921-22 1922-23	50,145,648	: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	116,634,000

Source: Annual Reports of the Department of Agriculture of New Zealand and the Monthly Abstract of Statistics, January 1922 to May 1923.

AMOUNT OF BUTTER AND CHEESE RECEIVED IN PARIS DURING THE YEARS 1915, 1920-22.

Year.	: Butter.	: Cheese a.
1913	: 78,139,633 : 73,189,571	Pounds. 63,999,364 55,680,059 53,503,508

a. Cheese of all kinds. In 1915 only dry cheese was taxed. The total quantity of dry cheese was 21,769,911 pounds. Source: La Revue Generale du Froid, Paris, April-May, 1923, page 135.

BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION IN THE NETHERLANDS, 1911-1922.

	:	Butter.	: Chesse.
Year.	Controlled Production.	: Total Controlled : and : Uncontrolled.	: Total Production.
	1,000 Pounds.	: 1,000 Pounds	: 1,000 Pounds.
1910 1912 1913 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921	110,819 119,256 87,428 9 ^L ,776 105,808 111,126	<u>a</u> 142,430 <u>a</u> 148,165 <u>a</u> 123,996 132,483 142,490	185,125 211,002 186,489 115,506 143,299 149,692 215,403 215,216

a. Of this amount 40,425,000 pounds -ere produced on farms in 1910, 37,222,000 in 1912 and 16,706,000 in 1920; 93,246,000 pounds in steam powered factories in 1910 and 103,383,000 in 1912; 8,750,000 pounds in hand powered factories 1910 and 7,560,000 in 1912.

b. Of this quantity 92,271,000 pounds were produced on farms in 1910 and 114,176,000 in 1912.

Source: Verslag over den Landbouw in Nederland over 1919, No. 3, Page XXIV and 61 - 1921, No. 3, page XXI - 1922, No. 3, Page XXI and XXIII.

CANADIAN FACTORY DAIRY PRODUCTION FOR THE YEARS 1900, 1910, 1917-22.

Year.	: Number : of : Establishments		Creamery Butter.	:	Factory Cheese.
1900 1910 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922	: 3,625 : 3,418 : 3,373 : 3,343 : 3,165 : 3,121	: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	Pounds. 36,066,739 64,489,398 87,526,939 93,298,348 103,890,707 111,591,718 128,744,610 147,752,774		Founds. 220,833,269 199,904,205 194,904,336 174,878,313 166,421,871 149,201,856 162,117,494 136,579,473

Source: Monthly Bulletin Agricultural Statistics, Canada - June 1922, page 234 - Year 1922 Letter from American Consul at Calgary, Alberta dated August 28, 1923, also letter from American Consul General at Winnipeg, Canada dated August 21, 1923.

CHEESE PRODUCTION IN GREECE.

Zinds.	1921-22.	1922-23.
	Pounds.	: Pounds.
Casseri (hard cheese)	2,295,019	564,300 564,300 846,450

Source: Commerce Reports, June 11, 1923, page 691, Report from Vice Consul at Athens, Greece.

PRODUCTION OF CANNED MILE IN EUROPE, 1920-1922.

Countries.	To	: Number of Factories,		
Netherlands Denmark Switzerland France Italy Germany Norway	16,512 : 23,148 : 5,146 : 2,701 : 1	72, 200 19, 902 23, 589 6, 978	Short Tons 72,200: 2 22,046: 3 16,292: 4,652: 2 992: 1	31 17 15 5
Total	89,639	124,014	116,182	104

^{1.} No statistics available.
2. Estimated.

Source: Commerce Reports, June 4, 1923, page 624.

STOCKS OF CERTAIN FOODSTUFFS ON HAND IN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA ON JUNE 30, 1922 AND 1923.

Date.	Eggs (Cold Storage)	Butter.	: Cheese.	: Bacon and Ham (in Factories).
	Number.	Founds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
June 30, 1922 June 30, 1923	, ,		1,079,398 756,127	

Source: Monthly Bulletin of Union Statistics, August 1923, page 5.

^{3.} Export figures first 9 months 1922.

Wool Index Number.

The wool textile index number of "The Weekly Wool Chart" (Bradford, England) for August stands at 157 compared with the same figure in July, and 143 in August last year. Compared with a year ago wool values show an advance of 28 points, tops 14 points and yarns a decline of 1 point.

The following table gives the course of the index numbers in detail.

Period covered	Wool	:	Tops	:	Yarns	; ;	Combined average
July 1914 1922 August September October November December	750	: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	100 137 143 148 152 153		100 168 168 179 131 182	: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	100 143 147 158 161 160
January February March April May June July August	145 146 155 160	:	159 157 153 158 151 153 150 151	: : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	136 136 132 133 182 175 169 167	:	167 163 160 165 168 161 157

New Season's Wool Offerings In Australia.

The Australian wool selling programme for the 1923-24 season as arranged by the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia and the Australian Woolgrowers' Council will comprise 1,610,000 bales according to present estimates. The selling period will be spread over a span of eight months beginning with small sales in September totalling 105,300 bales throughout Australia. Of the estimated offering of 1,610,000 bales in Australia for the entire season, 810,000 bales or 50.3% will be offered before Christmas.

"The Daily Telegraph" August 10, Sydney, Australia. Source: "The Yorkshire Observer" August 22, 1923.

SOUTH AFRICA TO HAVE WOOL EXCHANGE.

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Source: Report of Consul M. B. Davis, Port Elizabeth, August 31, 1923.

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